

**ENTERED**

May 04, 2017

David J. Bradley, Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
V.	§	CRIMINAL NO. H-16-434
	§	
ILYASS BENLAMKADDEN	§	

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Before the court, by referral pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b), is the matter of the re-arraignment of Ilyass Benlamkadden, the defendant in this action. On May 3, 2017, Defendant Ilyass Benlamkadden appeared with counsel before the undersigned magistrate judge for the purpose of entering a guilty plea to the Indictment charging him with possession of child pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

Defendant Benlamkadden consented in writing to plead guilty before a United States Magistrate Judge. After conducting said proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this court makes the following findings of fact:

1. Defendant Benlamkadden, after consultation with counsel of record and with the approval of the government, has knowingly and voluntarily consented to be advised of his rights and to enter a plea of guilty before a U.S. Magistrate Judge subject to final approval and imposition of sentence by Chief United States District Judge Lee Rosenthal.
2. Defendant Benlamkadden is fully competent and

capable of entering an informed plea.

3. Defendant Benlamkadden is aware of the nature of the charges, the maximum punishment range and other penalties that may be imposed at sentencing, including restitution.
4. Defendant Benlamkadden understands his constitutional and statutory rights and wishes to waive those rights.
5. Defendant Benlamkadden understands that the sentencing judge is not bound by any recommendation on sentencing made by either counsel for the government or counsel for the defendant, and that if a recommendation on sentencing is not followed by the sentencing judge, Benlamkadden may not withdraw his plea of guilty.
7. Defendant Benlamkadden's plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment.

Based upon the foregoing, it is **RECOMMENDED** that the guilty plea of Defendant Ilyass Benlamkadden to Count 1 of the Indictment be accepted by the court and that Ilyass Benlamkadden be adjudged guilty of the offense alleged in Count 1 of the Indictment, to wit: possession of child pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

The Clerk shall send copies of this Report and Recommendation to the respective parties who have fourteen (14) days from the receipt thereof to file written objections thereto pursuant to General Order 2002-13. Failure to file written objections within the time period mentioned shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking the factual findings and legal conclusions on appeal.

The original of any written objections shall be filed with the United States District Clerk, P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas,

77208. Copies of such objections shall be mailed to opposing parties and to the chambers of the undersigned, 515 Rusk, Suite 7019, Houston, Texas 77002.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.



U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE